

Thursday, May 26, 1960

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 55 bills on calendar call, and recommitted bill to permit serving of oleo in Navy.

House passed school construction assistance bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 11137-11152

Bills Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3593-3601; and S. Res. 328.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 11045, to permit the conversion or exchange of policies of national service life insurance to a new modified plan, with amendments (S. Rept. 1485);

S. 2869, to restore the size and weight limitations on fourth-class matter mailed to or from Alaska and Hawaii which existed prior to their admission as States (S. Rept. 1486);

S. 2893, to permit weekly publications to suspend publication for not more than two issues in any one calendar year without loss of second-class privileges (S. Rept. 1487);

H.R. 6830, providing for uniformity of application of postal requirements respecting disclosure of average numbers of copies of publications sold or distributed to subscribers (S. Rept. 1488); and

H.R. 10996, authorizing use of certified mail for service of matter required by certain laws to be served by registered mail (S. Rept. 1489).

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Authority To Meet: Committee on Foreign Relations was authorized to meet during session of Senate on Friday, May 27.

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Oleo—Navy: By voice vote, Senate adopted Thurmond motion to recommit to Committee on Armed Services S. 2168, to permit the Navy to serve oleomargarine as part of its authorized ration. This action was taken after Senate adopted, by 48 yeas to 32 nays, Proxmire amendment that no oleomargarine shall be acquired for use by Navy unless Secretary of Agriculture certifies (1) that no purchases of milk or dairy products will be made in fiscal year for price-support purposes, and (2) that acquisition will not contribute to a surplus of milk or dairy products. Senate tabled motion to reconsider adoption of Proxmire amendment.

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Call of Calendar: On call of calendar, 55 measures, of which 27 were private, were passed as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for President:

RFC—payment in lieu of taxes: H.R. 9983, extending period for which payment in lieu of taxes may be made with respect to certain real property transferred by the RFC to other Government departments;

Veterans—service-connected: H.R. 1113, providing that a service-connected disability in force for 10 or more years shall not be severed except when based on fraud;

Veterans—dependents: H.R. 276, relating to the effective date of additional compensation for veterans' dependents;

Veterans—death benefits: H.R. 641, to make uniform the marriage date for veterans' service-connected death benefits;

Veterans—dependency and indemnity: H.R. 7502, to amend the basis for certifications with respect to basic pay for dependency and indemnity compensation award purposes;

World War II—aviation: H.R. 9785, to equalize insurance benefits for certain World War II aviation students;

Veterans—children: H.R. 9788, to bar duplicate benefit payments to children of veterans;

Veterans—insurance waivers: H.R. 10703, to grant a waiver of national service life insurance premiums for certain totally disabled veterans;

Veterans—children benefits: H.R. 10898, to provide \$12 for each additional child in excess of three as additional compensation for seriously disabled veterans;

Auto exhausts: H.R. 8238, authorizing a study, from the standpoint of public health, of substances from automobile exhausts;

Railroad—indebtedness: H.R. 11405, relating to the income tax treatment of certain discharges of indebtedness of railroad corporations; and

Private bills: 16 private bills, H.R. 1402, 1463, 1519, 3253, 3827, 4763, 8798, 11190, 1542, 3107, 7036, 8217, 8806, 9470, 9752, and 10947.

With amendment, to be sent back to House:

Tariff—wool: H.R. 9322, to make permanent the existing suspension of duties on certain coarse wool;

Tariff—household effects: H.R. 9881, to extend the existing law relating to free importation of personal and household effects brought in the U.S. under Government orders; and

Private bill: Private bill, H.R. 6081.

Without amendment and cleared for House:

North Dakota lands: S. 3070, to remove the restriction on use with respect to certain lands in Morton County, N. Dak.;

Meteorology: S. 1235, authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to enter into contracts for the conduct of research in the field of meteorology;

Secret Service: S. 3366, providing penalties for threats against the successors to the Presidency, and authorizing their protection by the Secret Service;

DAR—patent: S. 2744, to extend the time of a design patent assigned to the DAR;

Merchant Marine Academy: S. 3429, to permit the appointment of U.S. nationals to the Merchant Marine Academy;

Gorgas Memorial: S. 3179, to increase authorizations for construction of facilities for the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory;

Mail matters: S. 3420, providing further for permissible writing and printing on third- and fourth-class mail matter; and

Private bills: Eight private bills, S. 700, 993, 2277, 2740, 2942, 3049, 1454, and 2113.

With amendment and cleared for House:

Central Bank for Cooperatives: S. 2977, providing for increased representation by regional banks for cooperatives on the Board of Directors of the Central Bank for Cooperatives;

Motor vehicles—towing: S. 2375, to exempt from the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act motor vehicles towed in emergency situations;

Aviation: S. 1545, authorizing elimination of a hearing in certain cases under section 408 of the Federal Aviation Act;

Shrimp: S. 2867, to give effect to the convention between the U.S. and Cuba for the conservation of shrimp;

Nurse training: S. 3025, to amend the Vocational Education Act of 1946 relating to practical nurse training;

Library services: S. 2830, to amend the Library Services Act so as to extend for 5 years authorizations for appropriations;

Fort Belknap Indians: S. 1889, authorizing a transfer of three units of Fort Belknap Indian irrigation project to landowners;

Alien property: S. 2634, relative to the return of certain alien property interests to former nationals of Bulgaria, Hungary, or Rumania; and

Private bills: Two private bills, S. 3032 and 3130.

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Small Towns and Rural Counties: Senate passed (motion to reconsider tabled) S. 3140, to establish a Commission on Problems of Small Towns and

Rural Counties, after adopting Mundt amendment to provide that congressional membership on the Commission shall consist of four from the majority party and two from the minority party in Senate and House rather than three from each of these parties in Senate and House.

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Legislative Jurisdiction Over Land: Senate began consideration of S. 1617, to adjust the legislative jurisdiction exercised by U.S. over land used for Federal purposes.

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Sacramento River: Letter from Secretary of Army transmitting report dated May 9, 1960, from Chief of Engineers, together with accompanying papers and an illustration, on review of reports on bank protection and channel maintenance, Sacramento River flood control project, California, was ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 103.

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Foster Reservoir, Oreg.: Report from Secretary of Army transmitting report from Chief of Engineers dated April 25, 1960, together with accompanying papers and an illustration, on interim report on Foster Reservoir, South Santiam River, Oreg., was ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 104.

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Treaties Ratified: By vote of 77 yeas to 4 nays, Senate ratified en bloc the resolutions of ratification on the following five treaties;

Agreement for facilitating the international circulation of visual and auditory materials of an educational, scientific, and cultural character, and related protocol of signature (Ex. V, 81st Cong., 2d sess.);

Convention on the Territorial Sea, and the Contiguous Zone (Ex. J, 86th Cong., 1st sess.);

Convention on the High Seas (Ex. K, 86th Cong., 1st sess.);

Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas (Ex. L, 86th Cong., 1st sess.); and

Convention on the Continental Shelf (Ex. M, 86th Cong., 1st sess.).

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Treaty Rejected: By vote of 49 yeas to 30 nays, Senate failed to agree to resolution of ratification on Optional Protocol of Signature Concerning Compulsory Settlement of Disputes on Law of the Sea (Ex. N, 86th Cong., 1st sess.). An affirmative two-thirds vote is necessary for ratification.

This treaty was originally included in those above on which resolutions of ratification were adopted en bloc by 77 yeas to 4 nays. On reconsideration, however, a separate vote was taken on Executive N and on this vote the resolution of ratification was rejected, as indicated.

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Confirmations: The following nominations were confirmed: Five judicial, two Coast Guard, and numerous Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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Nominations: Numerous nominations in the Diplomatic and Foreign Service were received. Page 11232

Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: The Special Agriculture Investigating Subcommittee resumed its hearings with regard to the administration of the Government's grain storage program, having as its witnesses William Brooks, representing the National Grain Trade Council, and Frank A. Theis, representing the Terminal Elevator Grain Merchants Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—AEC

Committee on Appropriations: A special subcommittee of the Subcommittee on Public Works appropriations held hearings on proposed fiscal 1961 budget estimates for the Atomic Energy Commission, with testimony from AEC Chairman John A. McCone, who was accompanied by his associates.

Subcommittee will hold hearings tomorrow on proposed funds for the TVA.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded its hearings on H.R. 11908, fiscal 1961 appropriations for the Defense Establishment, after receiving testimony from Senators Jackson, Engle, Goldwater, Gruening, Bartlett, Moss, Bennett, and Bible; and Representatives King of Utah, Dixon, Wilson, and Lankford.

Subcommittee announced that it will hold an executive session on June 7 to mark up the bill.

APPROPRIATIONS—GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee concluded its hearings on H.R. 11389, general Government matters appropriations for fiscal 1961, with testimony from Frank Bane, Chairman, Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee continued its hearings on fiscal 1961 budget estimates for military construction, receiving testimony from John M. Ferry, Assistant Secretary for Installations, and Brig. Gen. R. H. Curtin, Office of Civil Engineering, both of the Air Force.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ROPA AMENDMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded its hearings on H.R. 8186, proposing several amendments to the Reserve Officer Personnel Act of 1954, after

receiving testimony from Representative Anderson of Montana; Gen. William H. Harrison, Jr., president, National Guard Association; Col. John P. Carlton, Reserve Officers Association; Capt. Robert G. Burke, Naval Reserve Association; Brig. Gen. Don Strait, Air National Guard Council, Air Force Association; Col. Arthur B. Hanson, Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association; and Dr. William Perl, College Park, Md.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery held hearings on the National Security Council and the problem of coordination between the Departments of Defense and State, having as its witness George Kennan, former Director of the Policy Planning Staff, Department of State, and subsequently U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Hearings were recessed subject to call of the Chair.

AIR CARRIERS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: The Aviation Subcommittee resumed its hearings on S. 1543, relating to the issuance of certificates of public convenience to supplemental air carriers, with testimony from James F. Horst, Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO; Clayton L. Burwell, Independent Airlines Association; and DeWitt T. Yates, Supplemental Air Carrier Conference.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INSURANCE INDUSTRY PRACTICES

Committee on the Judiciary: The Antitrust and Monopoly Subcommittee continued its hearings with regard to foreign insurance company operations, having as its witnesses Stewart B. Hopps, of Belvedere, Calif.; and Paul L. E. Helliwell, American Bankers Life Assurance Co. of Florida, and American Bankers Insurance Co. of Florida.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported 92 postmaster nominations; S. 1638, to provide for an effective system of personnel administration for the executive branch of the Government (amended); H.R. 4601, to amend the law which prohibits payment of retired pay to Government employees convicted of certain offenses involving the national security; H.R. 4595, to make uniform certain provisions of law relating to special postage rates for educational, cultural, and library materials (amended); S. 2869, to restore the size and weight limitations on fourth-class matter mailed to or from Alaska and Hawaii which existed prior to their admission as States; S. 2893, to permit weekly publications to suspend publication for not more than two issues in any one calendar year without loss of second-class privileges; H.R. 10996, authorizing use of

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WATER RESOURCES

Select Committee on National Water Resources: Continuing its hearings on national water problems, committee received testimony from Dr. Edward Teller, Director, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, University of California, Livermore; Donald J. Hardenbrook,

chairman, Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources, National Association of Manufacturers, who was accompanied by Lloyd E. Partain; Mrs. Haskell Rosenblum, D.C. League of Women Voters; William E. Welsh, National Reclamation Association; Vernon S. Cooper, Garrison Conservancy District, N. Dak.; John Taylor, American Farm Bureau Federation; Jack Curran, legislative representative, AFL-CIO; Robert M. Paul, Sport Fishing Institute; Gordon Zimmerman, National Association of Soil Conservation Districts; and Carey Brown, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 7, for the purpose of discussing its future plans.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 12407-12426; 8 private bills, H.R. 12427-12434; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 719-722, and H. Con. Res. 696, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 7990, to convey certain land of the U.S. in trust to the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma, amended (H. Rept. 1661);

H.R. 7885, relating to income tax treatment of non-refundable capital contributions to Federal National Mortgage Association, amended (H. Rept. 1662);

Report of the U.S. House delegation to the Conference of NATO Parliamentarians, held in Washington, D.C., December 16-20, 1959, entitled "Fifth NATO Parliamentarians Conference" (H. Rept. 1663);

H.R. 12063, relating to construction of a sanitary sewer to connect the Dulles International Airport with the D.C. (H. Rept. 1664); and

Conference report on H.R. 10569, making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments and the U.S. Tax Court for fiscal year 1961 (H. Rept. 1665).

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School Construction: By a record vote of 206 yeas to 189 nays the House passed H.R. 10128, to authorize Federal financial assistance to the States to be used for constructing school facilities. Earlier a recommittal motion designed to substitute the provisions of H.R. 12259, the administration bill, had been rejected by a record vote of 80 yeas to 320 nays.

A separate vote was requested on three amendments adopted while in the Committee of the Whole and resulted in the—

Rejection by a voice vote of the Elliott amendment proposing a new formula for equalization of allotments to States per school age child.

Adoption by a record vote of 218 yeas to 181 nays of the Powell amendment to require that school facilities constructed with Federal assistance shall be available to all students in accordance with the 1954 decision of the Supreme Court.

Rejection by a record vote of 181 yeas to 219 nays of the Bow amendment to return to the States for construction of school facilities 25 percent of taxes collected on every pack of cigarettes sold within such State.

Also adopted amendments submitted by Mr. Thompson of New Jersey to provide for a 4-year program instead of a 3-year program and to change the matching provisions so that during the first and second years the Federal funds shall be matched on a State and local basis and for the third and fourth years to be matched on a State basis.

By a record vote of 223 yeas to 177 nays the House adopted the committee amendment as amended.

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Public Building Projects: Received and read a communication from the chairman of the Committee on Public Works stating that the committee had approved on May 17 a prospectus for nine public building projects which were transmitted from the General Services Administration. The communication was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Bill Referred: S. 3226, respecting mortgage insurance on housing of personnel at installations of National Aeronautics and Space Agency, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COTTON-ACREAGE REMEASUREMENT—IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H.R. 11049 (amended, with instructions to the chairman to introduce a clean bill), to treat all basic agricultural commodities alike with respect to the cost of remeasuring acreage;

H.R. 11646 (amended), regarding cotton classification statistics and penalties;

H. R. 12115, to extend the minimum national marketing quota for extra long staple cotton to the 1961 crop; and

H.R. 12341 (amended), regarding import restrictions on dates and walnuts.

U.S. MILITARY-AIR FORCE ACADEMIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee No. 1 ordered reported to the full committee H.R. 12313, to increase the pay of certain permanent professors at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy; and H.R. 12089 (with instructions to introduce a clean bill), to bring the number of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy up to full strength.

Testimony was heard, before ordering the bills reported, from Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy; and Brig. Gen. Robert F. McDermott, Dean of Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy.

MANPOWER UTILIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Manpower Utilization met in executive session, but made no announcements. The next executive meeting of the subcommittee will be June 2.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee No. 1 held a hearing on H.R. 12052, to extend the Defense Production Act of 1950 for 2 additional years, and heard testimony from J. Roy Price, Assistant Director, Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

PROFESSIONAL-PRACTICAL NURSES

Committee on District of Columbia: Subcommittee No. 3 held a hearing on H.R. 12004, to provide for examination, licensing, registration, and for regulation of professional and practical nurses, and for nursing education in the D.C. Testimony was given by David B. Karrick, Commissioner, D.C.; and other D.C. officials.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: The committee ordered favorably reported to the House H.R. 12383,

to amend the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to make benefits more realistic in terms of present wage rates.

SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session to hear Christian A. Herter, Secretary of State, on events relating to the recent Paris meetings. The Secretary traced the events from the summit meeting of 1955 until the abortive meeting this month in Paris.

HARPERS FERRY

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 10831 and S. 2674, to authorize the acquisition of certain lands for addition to Harpers Ferry National Monument, and heard testimony from Senator Randolph, Representative Staggers, and Department of Interior witnesses. Hearings continue Friday, May 27.

CHANTILLY AIRPORT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House H.R. 2467 (amended), to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to reimburse owners and tenants of lands acquired for Chantilly Airport for their moving expenses.

PRIVATE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 ordered reported favorably to the full committee nine private claim bills. Also ordered adversely reported to the full committee four private claim bills.

CIVIL ACTION AGAINST U.S. OFFICIALS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 4 held a hearing on H.R. 10089, to permit a civil action to be brought against an officer of the U.S. in his official capacity, a person acting under him or an agency of the U.S., in any judicial district of the U.S. where a plaintiff in the action resides. Testimony was presented by Representative Budge; Albert B. Maris, senior circuit judge, Philadelphia; and an official from the Department of Justice. The subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

JUDGES—COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 5 held a hearing on H.R. 2980, to provide that the U.S. district judges for the districts of Hawaii and Puerto Rico shall have the same tenure of office and retirement rights as all other U.S. district judges; and H.R. 2981, to authorize retired judges of certain territorial courts to perform judicial service when designated and assigned. Albert B. Maris, senior circuit judge, Philadelphia, testified on the two bills.

Also the subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 10843 and 11941, regarding accommodations for Federal court.

Testimony was given by Representatives Cederberg, Ford, and Lennon; Albert B. Maris, senior circuit judge, Philadelphia; and Government witnesses.

PESTICIDES—MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H.R. 11502 (amended, a clean bill to be introduced), to provide for advance consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service and with State wildlife agencies before the beginning of any Federal program involving the use of pesticides or other chemicals designed for mass biological controls; and

S. 1781 (in lieu of H.R. 5814), to provide for cooperative unit programs of research, education, and demonstration between the Federal Government of the U.S., colleges and universities, the several States and territories, and private organizations.

POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Continued hearings on proposed postal rate increases and heard various public witnesses. Hearings continue Wednesday, June 1.

COMMUNIST SPY OPERATIONS

Committee on Un-American Activities: The committee questioned Anton Krchmarek and Charles Musil regarding Communist spy operations.

Joint Committee Meetings

RADIATION PROTECTION

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Special Subcommittee on Radiation continued its hearings on radiation protection standards, with testimony on biological concepts underlying such standards from Dr. G. Failla, radiological research laboratory, Columbia University; Dr. James Crow, professor of genetics and zoology, University of Wisconsin; Dr. E. B. Lewis, professor of biology, California Institute of Technology; Dr. J. Schubert, division of biological and medical research, Argonne National Laboratory; Dr. R. R. Newell, Stanford University School of Medicine; and Lauriston Taylor, Radiation Physics Division, National Bureau of Standards.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, May 31.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY-POST OFFICE

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 10569, fiscal 1961 appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, and the U.S. Tax Court.

D.C. TRANSPORTATION

Joint Committee on Washington Metropolitan Problems: Committee continued its executive consideration of S. 3193 and H.R. 11135, proposed National Capital Transportation Act of 1960, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call of the Chair.

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Senate took up bill on foreign tax credit.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 11340-11349

Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3602-3606.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 3545, to permit the lease or sale of Alaska University lands by sealed competitive bids (S. Rept. 1490);

H.R. 11748, to continue through June 30, 1961, the suspension of duties on metal scrap, with amendments (S. Rept. 1491);

H.R. 2565, to promote fish and game conservation and rehabilitation in military reservations, with amendments (S. Rept. 1492); and

S. 3102, to establish an Office of International Travel and Tourism and a Travel Advisory Board, with amendments (S. Rept. 1493).

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School Construction: Senator Hill obtained agreement that when H.R. 10128, to authorize Federal financial assistance to the States to be used for constructing school facilities, is received from House it be considered as having been read twice and ordered to lie on table.

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